High Court Bench at Madurai

586. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed High Court Bench at Madurai is likely to be operational by April, 2003;

(b) the composition of Judges and the jurisidiction of the same; and

(c) whether the work regarding the construction of proposed High Court building at Madurai has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The Madras High Court has informed that the progress of construction of the proposed High Court building at Madurai is behind schedule and, therefore, the High Court Bench at Madurai is not likely to be operational by April, 2003.

The proposed Bench would have jurisdiction over 14 judicial districts of southern part of Tamil Nadu *viz.* Kanyakumari.Tiruneleveli.Tuticorin, Madurai, Dindugal, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Sivaganga, Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruchirapalli, Perambulur and Karur.The composition of the Judge strength would be decided when the Bench is ready for judicial functions.

Law Commission on insurance frauds

587. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recently admitted that Indian laws are inadequate to handle insurance frauds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the frauds in insurance companies have increased and due to inadequate laws those are not properly checked; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the effective laws to deal with insurance frauds?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d)The information is being collected and it will be laid on theTable of the House.